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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY MUZOREWA
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BEGIN TEXT:

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH COMMENT, IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE,
ON THE SO-CALLED LACK OF UNITY AMONG THE AFRICAN DELE-
GATIONS PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE
OF ZIMBABWE. THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, WHOSE MAJOR
MISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO UNITE ALL THE OPEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIBERATING THEIR COUNTRY,
IS ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THIS PROBLEM.

AT ITS LAST MEETING IN SALISBURY, THE ANC NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE GAVE A MANDATE TO ITS PRESIDENT, BISHOP A.
MUZOREWA TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER ZIMBABWE
POLITICAL GROUPS WITH A VIEW TO UNITING TO FIGHT FOR
OUR COMMON GOAL. THE PRESIDENT, IN TURN, HAS SET UP A
COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE ANC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, COMRADE
MORTON MALIANGA, TO CARRY OUT THIS ASSIGNMENT.

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THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER GROUPS IN MAPUTO, LUSAKA AND HERE IN GENEVA.

MUCH PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE TOWARD EVOLVING A COMMON POLITICAL PLATFORM AT THE GENEVA TALKS AND THE COMMITTEE IS REDOUBLING ITS EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD. THE ANC STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT GIVEN THE GOODWILL AND SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE FUTURE UNITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, THE UNITE EFFORT WILL SUCCEED.

QUESTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF CONDUCTING A REFERENDUM ON THE BASIS OF ONE MAN ONE VOTE, TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION IN ZIMBABWE. BISHOP MUZOREWA WILL TABLE A PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. FOR DECADES THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE HAVE SUFFERED AND DIED FOR THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE ON THE BASIS OF ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. THE ANC FEELS THAT THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION. END TEXT.CATTO

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